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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 as follow:

1-6. (CANCELLED)

7. (PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising:

a guide plate having major surfaces to provide an emission surface and a back surface;  
a primary light source to supply illumination light through an incidence surface of a side portion of said guide plate, said guide plate providing first and second edges at which the major surfaces respectively intercept the incidence surface; and

a frame surrounding said primary light source, at least one distal end portion of said frame member providing a shield forming a projected slope inclined so as to reflect and guide illuminating light toward an incidence surface area remote from the first and second edges, wherein height of said frame is greater than a distance between the first and second edges in a position separated far from the incidence surface, and is approximately equal to a distance between the first and second edges in the vicinity of the incidence surface.

8. (CANCELLED)